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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL INVITATION TO ENERGY CONFERENCE

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FOR AMBASSADOR OR CHARGE FROM THE SECRETARY

1. THERE FOLLOWS THE TEXT OF A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM
PRESIDENT NIXON TO OPEC CHIEFS OF STATE OR HEAD OF

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GOVERNMENT AS APPROPRIATE WHICH YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO

DELIVER TO YOUR HOST GOVERNMENTS ON JANUARY 9, **E., THE SAME DAY AS DELIVERY OF THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO THE HEADS OF STATE OF CERTAIN MAJOR CONSUMING NATIONS (SEE SEPTEL). YOU SHOULD PROVIDE HOST GOVERNMENTS WITH TEXT OF PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO CONSUMERS AS WELL. TEXTS OF BOTH LETTERS WILL BE RELEASED AT NOON WASHINGTON TIME ON JANUARY 10.

2. AS BOTH MESSAGES MAKE CLEAR, WE ENVISAGE MEETING OF MAJOR IMPORTERS *S INITIAL STEP IN SEEKING CONSENSUS AMONG CONSUMERS PRIOR TO THE CONVENING OF A CONFERENCE OF BOTH CONSUMERS AND PRODUCERS. ALTHOUGH THIS PROCESS WILL BEGIN WITH MAJOR OIL IMPORTERS, WE EXPECT THAT IT WILL SOON BE BROADENED TO INCLUDE OTHER CONSUMERS, ESPECIALLY LDC'S, AND THEN PRODUCERS. TEXT FOLLOWS:
QUOTE: DEAR (OR SALUTATION AS APPROPRIATE):

TODAY I HAVE INVITED GOVERNMENTS OF THE MAJOR OIL CONSUMING COUNTRIES TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO A MEETING IN WASHINGTON ON FEBRUARY ELEVENTH. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING WILL BE TO SEEK A CONSENSUS AMONG THE PARTICIPANTS, LOOKING TOWARD A MEETING OF CONSUMERS AND PRODUCERS, WHICH WOULD ESTABLISH NEW MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AND RELATED ECONOMIC MATTERS.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS HAVE EMPHASIZED THE CRITICAL IMPORTANCE OF ENERGY TO THE PROSPERITY AND STABILITY OF THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMY. SEVERE DISRUPTIONS OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND OF THE WORLD MONETARY SYSTEM, WHETHER CAUSED BY INSUFFICIENCY OF ENERGY SUPPLIES OR ABRUPT PRICE MOVEMENTS COULD PROVE DISAST*OUS FOR CONSUMERS AND PRODUCERS ALIKE.

OIL *MPORTING:NATIONS ARE VITALLY CONCERNED ITH MECHANISMS WHICH WILL ASSURE ADEQUATE SUPPLIES AT REASONABLE PRICES. OIL PRODUCING STATES, IN TURN, ARE CONCERNED WITH ARRANGEMENTS THAT WILL ASSURE FAIR PAYMENT FOR AND RATIONAL USE OF THEIR NON-RENEWABLE RESOURCES.

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ACCORDINGLY, AS SUGGESTED BY SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER IN HIS SPEECH IN LONDON IN DECEMBER, THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES IT IS NECESSARY TO DEAL WITH THESE MATTERS URGENTLY.

THE UNITED STATES IS UNDERTAKING THIS INITIATIVE AS A CONSTRUCTIVE AND POSITIVE STEP, CONSISTENT WITH

THE PUBLICLY STATED VIEWS OF A NUMBER OF OIL PRODUCING
NATIONS WHICH HAVE CALLED FOR A CONSULTATIVE RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS. IT IS MY HOPE THAT
THE RESULTS OF THE FORTHCOMING MEETING WILL LEAD TO AN
EARLY JOINT CONFERENCE OF CONSUMER AND PRODUCER NATIONS.
END QUOTE.

3. FOR BAGHDAD. YOU SHOULD TRANSMIT PRESIDENT'S
MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT AL-BAQR THROUGH USUAL EIGN
MINISTRY CHANNEL. KISSINGER

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